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### ROME'S CENSORSHIP STARTLINGLY EVIDENT

This issue of THE MENACE gives thinking Americans four concrete and very typical examples of Rome's present-day censorship in our land and throughout the world.

On page one will be found the story of how Political Romanism, feeling she has the press well in hand, now seeks to prevent criticism of her assaults on Fundamental Democracy by preventing freedom of speech and public assembly. Elsewhere in this same paper will be found the attempt of a Roman priest to induce the mayor of Ashland, Oregon, to prohibit the brilliant novelist, Guy Fitch Phelps, from criticizing the religious tenets of Rome. On the second page will be found a startling but thoroughly characteristic example of the yielding of the secular press to the wishes of the Roman Index even to the extent of refusing the publication of statistics which discredit her shameful attacks on our public schools. On this page will be found a further illustration of Rome's censorship in regard to international news of first importance, illustrating papal intrigues in behalf of Austro-German autocracy.

The Roman Catholic Index must be driven out of free America. Roman Catholic censorship has got to give place to full, free and fair discussion of all vital questions.

### ROME'S DEMANDS OF GOVERNOR GARDNER

Refusal to Grant Certain Religious  
Discriminations Urged by Rome  
To Deprive the State of  
An Efficient Official

By Our Special Correspondent.

St. Louis, Mo., May 30.—The Roman Catholic machine in Missouri has put Gov. Frederick D. Gardner on trial by demanding that he remove Dr. C. E. Scrutcheff, superintendent of the State Hospital for Insane at Farmington, because Dr. Scrutcheff refused to permit priests to enter into the confidential relation with insane women patients and because he placed Catholic attendants upon an equal basis with other employees.

The trouble first arose three years ago. Dr. Scrutcheff was appointed to the position he now holds by former Governor Major. His record for economy and efficiency, Gov. Gardner admits, is the best ever made by the head of a state eleemosynary institution.

When Scrutcheff denied priests the right to invoke the confessional with insane women patients, he also ruled that Catholic attendants at the institution could not leave their duties to attend mass at any hour in the day that mass might come. This ruling had been enforced against Protestant attendants under former administrations.

Father Joseph Collins, the resident priest at Farmington, with two other priests, called on Dr. Scrutcheff and remonstrated vigorously against the ruling, but the superintendent stood firm.

He told Priest Collins that all the attendants and other employees would be treated alike and no special privileges would be granted any of them. He also told him that he would be glad for Catholic and all other employees to attend their church services when it did not interfere with their duties to the state.

The matter was taken up with Archbishop John J. Glennon and complaint against Scrutcheff was made to Gov. Major, who investigated the case and approved of Scrutcheff's action.

Shortly after his inauguration, Gov. Gardner announced the appointment of three new members of the board, at least one of whom is a Catholic, and directed the board to appoint Dr. F. S. Vernon of Charleston as superintendent. Dr. Vernon had been employed at the institution before as an assistant physician and the board was unable to agree on him. In fact, he could muster only one vote when the board met.

Other men who were suggested for the place were not acceptable to the board, and the reappointment of Dr.

## ITALY'S DOUBLE RAID ON SPY CENTERS, ONE IN VIENNA THE OTHER IN ROME, FURNISHED THE CONNECTING LINK OF EVIDENCE AS TO VATICAN INTRIGUE

Long Suppression of Facts Shows Difficulty of Passing News Through Vast Network Maintained by Roman Index

Article Appearing in Portion of Secular Press Using United Press Dispatches Shows the Perfect Precision With Which Italy Planned Sacking of Gerlach's Apartments and the Raid on Spy Headquarters in Vienna That Gave Them Connecting Links in Chain of Astounding Evidence

CONSIDERED in the light of facts hitherto published in THE MENACE an article which appeared in the Indianapolis News for May 17th is in many ways the most remarkable and convincing evidence of the undeniable intrigues of vatican officialdom with Austro-German officialdom that has yet appeared in the secular press of this country. The story follows:

(By Frank Getty, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
LONDON (by mail), May 1.—A tale of German intrigue reaching into the inner circles of the vatican, involving the hasty flight of Cardinal Gerlach from Italy, the sacking of a safe in the secret headquarters of the German embassy at Vienna, and the mysterious escape from Rome of Italy's two most notorious criminals, was told for the first time today to the United Press by a reliable authority.

Stranger than fiction, the true story of the inside workings of the Italian secret service in tracking down the pro-German element in the vatican court forms a dramatic chapter in the secret history of the war.

On April 6, Vienna dispatches announced the robbery of a house, adjoining "but having no connection with" the German embassy. A large sum of money was said to have been obtained by the robbers, who escaped.

The same night a stir was caused in Rome by the flight of Cardinal Gerlach across the Swiss border. Italian secret service agents burst in the doors of his house two hours after his escape and found the proof of a score of pro-German plots. The next day more than 300 arrests resulted in Italy.

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incriminated prominent persons throughout Italy were soon in the possession of the secret service.

For obvious reasons they could not instantly communicate their knowledge to headquarters at Rome, and in the meantime, while announcing the robbery of a "large sum of money," the Austrians succeeded, by means of a secret wireless, in communicating with Cardinal Gerlach, who left the papal court unceremoniously. With the evidence in hand, however, the Italian police were able to round up several hundred of the most dangerous German plotters, and to strike into the heart of a Teutonic element in the highest church circles of Rome.

This story to be understood in its entirety must be considered with the following facts in mind:

First, the vatican, in its pretended role of neutrality in the present war, with its absolutely undeniable desire for general recognition of political sovereignty, is playing a difficult role for with the decline in popularity of divine right rulers the vatican suffers proportionately because its assumed sovereignty is perpetuated on the most glaringly presumptuous and arrogant claims to divine rightism ever foisted upon the world. Leaving out all considerations of the concordat between the vatican and the Serbian government which in reality was a prelude to events from which historians date the war, a student of conditions cannot fail to note the ground for common sympathy which exists between the vatican and the Austro-German alliance. The facts given add significance when we remember that the kaiser nominated the black pope in 1906 and when we recall that the German Spy System and the Jesuits in Germany are as inseparable as were the Siamese twins—a fact that offers the only possible explanation for Germany's success in promoting intrigues in every country. It is inconceivable how Germany could maintain such a vast army of spies unless she had at her command the Jesuits who boast of 25,000,000 persons through whom they can operate. Is it not more than probable that through this source Germany gained the advance information as to our destroyers being sent to aid England—a secret that was confined to a very few officials in Washington and was not even known to those who were sent until the sealed orders were opened after they reached the open sea.

Second, the Italian government with its Catholic king and queen and its people preponderantly nominally Catholic recognize that in the insistent demands of the pope for the restoration of the papal states is the most sinister and destructive influence with which it has to contend. The power of the vatican over Italy's people places that government in an extremely delicate position.

And now to consider the world-wide and the facts heretofore set forth by THE MENACE in the light of the story quoted above from THE NEWS and conditions which have arisen from the printing of similar dispatches since THE MENACE broke the censorship of press on this subject on this side of the Atlantic, by publishing the facts in its issue for April 21st and subsequent editions. Rome had hoped that in America, at least, the facts as to

efficient and unceasing care and protection.

Dr. Scrutcheff err when he barred the terrible confession box from No. 4. Was he guilty of misfeasance or malfeasance in office when he placed all employees on an equal basis? The people of Imperial Missouri are awaiting the governor's reply to the hierarchy.

However, the priest in a manner altogether typical of Rome's fear and hatred of free discussion instead of meeting the issue brought the sheriff and district attorney from the county seat and called on the mayor in an effort to have the church closed. This the mayor refused to do but he did offer to furnish the opera house for a joint debate between Mr. Phelps and the priest. This proposition was not to the priest's liking for he was not seeking an opportunity to meet facts face to face but was instead seeking to censor the platform and prevent the facts being presented. Having failed in his Roman effort the priest went into hiding and Rome is again convicted of employing the principles of the Roman index. By her silence and refusal to submit to examination she is in all matters proving the charges preferred against her equally as effectively as would an open case in court.

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Monsignor Gerlach would not be known and she industriously exercised all the influence at her command to prevent their publication.

But those hopes were blasted in MENACE No. 313 and in MENACE No. 316, the first of which was a logical resume of facts connected with the world war and the second of which quoted dispatches from the Paris Journal and its London contemporary, The Star, showing undeniably that Gerlach has proven himself one of the most active agents in the interest of Germany possible for the mind of man to conceive. The first dispatch which is the one just referred to, recorded the arrest of Gerlach on the Swiss border in connection with a threefold plot of intrigue and was, in all probability, issued direct upon the authority of some Italian deputy, while the dispatch printed in the beginning of this article probably emanated from London. There is an inconsistency in the latter dispatch where Gerlach is referred to as a cardinal for his real title is monsignor.

A possible explanation; in fact, a conclusion which we cannot escape attaches itself to this inconsistency. THE MENACE by its publication of facts that startled the press and the populace of this country threw into consternation the Roman censors who had kept this country in ignorance of things commonly known by our European allies. No doubt a demand was made upon newer sources for the facts connected with the arrest of Gerlach with the result that the United Press furnished through its Mr. Getty the startling details connecting the "Vienna robbery" with the Gerlach "flight" from Rome. Whether or not Mr. Getty or some editor through a lack of knowledge changed Gerlach's title from monsignor to cardinal, or whether the change was made by some Jesuit press agent is not known by us but the facts would indicate that the story was sent to the papers receiving the United Press service in practically the identical form in which THE NEWS printed it, and in view of the facts we are about to present, our readers will agree that the change has well served Jesuitical purposes. Because of this we incline to the belief that Rome, unable to longer withhold the facts, sought to make this change to gain an avenue for attack upon the authenticity of the story. This view is borne out by the typically Jesuitical attacks being made throughout the country, upon this otherwise authentic information, particularly in those papers which used the article sent out by the United Press.

A striking illustration of Roman methods in this connection is the resort to a characteristically Jesuitical trick by a special pleader for Rome. Thus we find Edmund J. Wirth of St. Bernard's Seminary, of Rochester, N. Y., following the appearance of a story in the Rochester, N. Y., Union and Advertiser, similar to the article we have quoted from the Indianapolis News, wrote a letter to the editor which appeared under the "Voice of the People" column. Priest Wirth says in that letter:

Editor Union and Advertiser:  
Dear Sir:—In your issue of the 17th, under the heading, "Big Plot Involves Cardinal," you print a sensational story which the writer himself characterizes as "stranger than fiction." The chief villain of the story is Cardinal Gerlach. Now, cardinals are not so numerous nor so obscure that their existence, at least, cannot be easily verified. A glance at the official Annuario Pontificio or the Catholic Directory, will show that Cardinal Ger-

lach himself is a fiction. What are we to think of the reliability of the facts of this story of inside information when the chief villain is shown to be non-existent?

This attempt to destroy the authenticity of the story and to claim that Gerlach is "non-existent" would be paralleled if someone tried to deny the existence of Saint Bernard's Seminary with which Wirth is identified simply because someone in printing a story about the institution called it a school or a college. Gerlach is a reality; A PAPAL REALITY, and one of the most grave realities with which the allied nations have had to contend. Surely it cannot be that Mr. Wirth is so poorly informed on high papal ceremonies as not to recall that Mr. Gerlach was recently highly honored by the pope when the latter commissioned him to carry the red hat from the pontifical palace to the three newly appointed French cardinals; a typical one of the many instances in which Gerlach has enjoyed the special favors and confidence of Benedict XV. Priest Wirth either lacks a proper knowledge of the activities of his sovereign or he is conscientiously helping to promote the Jesuit program along approved Jesuitical lines.

To prove that Wirth erred we need not look further than another letter inspired by the appearance of the United Press dispatch in the Daily Democrat of Albany, Ore. Father Lane of that city would deny that the vatican is implicated on the grounds that Gerlach is not a cardinal. He seeks to accomplish the same purpose as did Father Wirth but he shows a knowledge of the vatican household and does not try to deny Gerlach's existence. After stating that Gerlach is "not a cardinal nor even a bishop" but is "simply a priest bearing the title of monsignor and performing duties of very secondary importance in the large vatican household" we find the following language accredited to Priest Lane in the May 18th issue of The Democrat:

That he (Gerlach) could have done any spying for Germany would seem almost impossible. He was a high-ranking official in the vatican, and I may add also that some men who were on the confidential spy list of the central powers never accepted the secret mission which was tendered them. In some cases they were never even advised by their government of the spy service expected of them, but were sent to the vatican to favor the fatherland at the sacrifice of conscience and principle. I have no hesitation in saying that Father Gerlach never accepted the mission which was tendered him. Unhappily, however, something sticks to a man of a story even if disproven.

In the first sentence of the above quotation Priest Lane agrees with THE MENACE without intending to do so, with the one exception that we maintain that it is absolutely impossible for a man so close to the pope as was Gerlach to have operated in the manner he did under the strict discipline of the vatican household without the extent of his activities and their purpose being FULLY KNOWN TO THE POPE, and we might add not only known to the papal sovereign but furthered by him. Occupying as he did the position of private chamberlain to the pope and

once, arranging a meeting for the next day at which details would be worked out.

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Fact That Dispatch Referred to Pope's Private Chamberlain as "Cardinal" Instead of "Monsignor" Seized Upon by Roman Priests in Effort to Create Doubt as to Authenticity of Facts—Jesuit Press Agent Could Easily Have Made Such a Change to Accomplish That End

in view of the fact that he was taken from his position in Austria at the head of an Austrian newspaper when the present pope ascended the pontifical throne in order that he might be of the vatican household, it is inconceivable that a man possessed of the qualifications and the record sufficient to obtain for him such a position would so soon turn traitor to, or do anything which might imperil, the man who, to him and all loyal Catholics stands in "the place of God on earth"—it is not only inconceivable but to believe for one moment that such was the case would be to ignore all those things which incontrovertible facts establish; indeed it would be to charge that the pope in selecting his most trusted assistants exercises less caution than would the director of a small business. Surely a man who presumes to establish his sovereignty on the grounds that he is the vicar of God would not entrust important secretarial duties or the privileges afforded a member of the papal household to a man who would not do exactly what was desired of him.

Nothing is more characteristic of persons caught in detestable and lawless and treacherous acts than their efforts to convince the public of their innocence and we would hardly expect the vatican, simply because a mass of evidence undeniable in many instances connected it with intrigues in the interest of the central powers, to admit its guilt without a struggle.

An organization so all-powerful, dominated by the Jesuits with 25,000,000 obedient oath-bound servants sworn to implicitly obey the commands of their superiors, need not surrender so easily, for with these spies placed in positions where they may do just the very things that are needed to be done in order to give other Jesuits an opportunity to attempt vindication of the vatican, Rome is possessed of a better means of allaying suspicion than is any other corporation on earth.

This attempt of Father Lane to clear the skirts of Gerlach and whitewash the vatican is an illustration of the length to which papal zealots in this country will go in their attempt to protect the system on which they depend. His assertion that Gerlach "perhaps never even knew of his spy commission" places this priest in a position delicate in the extreme. The dispatch to which he takes exception records this fact:

Italian secret service agents burst in the doors of his (Gerlach's) house two hours after his escape and found the proof of a score of pro-German plots. The next day more than 300 arrests resulted in Italy.

There is but one conclusion at which any intelligent mind can arrive after reading this paragraph and that is that Gerlach did not flee from Rome on his own initiative or without an escort of officers. The fact that he was not given the opportunity to return to his apartments is clearly shown in the fact that when he left them the secrets of his activities so far as they had been committed to written instructions were left behind and not only left behind but they were

than to our enemy, Germany. Their real desire is Rome rule in Ireland and ruin to every Protestant or anti-papal government.

Eight weeks of war without fighting has brought forth broadsides and salvos of brave talk from papist sources. This is very nice, but we shall be more concerned with the performances of these Fenians and Sinn Feiners in the next two years of actual fighting.

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### GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Guardians of Liberty will hold their national convention in the city of Chicago, commencing on June 11th and continuing to and including June 13th. The meetings will be held in one of the halls of the Masonic Temple.

General Miles and Rear Admiral Baird together with other national court officers and notables from all over the country will be in attendance.

On June 12th, an entertainment and reception in honor of the national court officials will be held in the Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel. A patriotic program will be rendered and the presentation to the National Court of a bust of General Miles will be a feature of the evening.

An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged at this entertainment. Tickets can be had at the Chicago headquarters of the Guardians of Liberty, 1307 Masonic Temple.

Let us from now on forget all things less important than the fact that our work is TO MAKE AMERICA SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY. Our motto is one. Our cause the greatest cause in all the world, because upon the loyalty of America to the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence and our Federal Constitution depends the success of WORLD DEMOCRACY.

seized upon by authorities who well knew that Gerlach had left his apartments to return no more. Had Gerlach left Rome a free agent, or in other words, otherwise except under compulsion does any intelligent man or woman believe that he would have left behind such a vast array of incriminating evidence?

The extremely delicate position in which the Italian government finds itself by reason of the fact that its population is so largely Roman Catholic and the great power of the vatican in that country probably explains why Gerlach was conducted to the border instead of to a government penitentiary. But the government's knowledge of how to accomplish the breaking up of this scheme is clearly shown in the fact that the raiding of the house of intrigue in Vienna accomplished under its direction was accomplished at the same time that Gerlach was being separated from his center of operations and all his written information and instructions confiscated.

The raiding of these two houses of intrigue by the Italian government and the evidence gained therein laid the trail in each instance to the very door of the vatican. Are we to doubt evidence gained by such means especially in view of all the precautions taken to prevent it falling into the hands of the allies?

Lack of space prevents giving further consideration to Rome's desire to escape the penalty she so richly deserves, but there is one thing which must not be overlooked: The American secular press has made an effort to publish the facts, but because of the use of the word "cardinal" instead of "monsignor" editors have had letters similar to those we have quoted from the Daily Democrat of Albany, Ore., and The Union and Advertiser of Rochester, N. Y. The "letters to the editor" which so often accompany these priestly denials of news on technicalities are often of such a nature as to place the editor in a position where he does not care to publish any further news of the same kind. With the exception of the instances noted in our last issue this is the first story of so damaging a nature to Rome to appear in the secular press here, and it will be the last if Rome's threats have the desired effect.

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